



MY JAGUAR 950

West Yorkshire

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Carrying out silaging services throughout the length and breadth of the picturesque Warfe Valley, contracting outfit Brian Darnbrook runs all the way from Skipton to Harrogate and as far as York for maize work.

Guy Darnbrook

JAGUAR 950

Brian Darnbrook
near Ilkely, West Yorkshire

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Q&A



Q: How long have you been running CLAAS JAGUARS?

"We've had JAGUARS ever since we started chopping in 2008," says Guy Darnbrook.

"Our first new machine, a JAGUAR 860, arrived in 2013. We then stepped up to the 900 series in 2018 with a JAGUAR 950 model, which we replaced with another 950 this year.

"The 950 matches our customers well, taking into account clamp capacity, the number of trailers required and staff availability. It is a forager we can get all of the performance out of all of the time, not wasting any unnecessary horsepower as you might with bigger machines. Our new LINER 4800 rake really helps us with this. Being able to rake up three, four or five rows, it brings the best out of the forager in all conditions - it's a very good combination."

Q: What are the stand-out features of the CLAAS JAGUAR?

"We specified our new 950 with CLAAS' QUANTIMETER yield monitoring and NIR sensing technology. We had a few customers enquire about being able to get this information from the forager and now it is a service which provides a good selling point for our business," explains Guy.

"The first customers that used the service reported back that the figures from the spout-mounted NIR sensor are very close to their in-clamp analysis. Of particular interest are the dry matter and protein content numbers, which gives them an early heads-up as to their silage quality, from which they can start planning their rations. It's also a good indicator if anything needs sorting out in the field, such as mole hills that can often cause contamination.

"As for the yield information from the QUANTIMETER, this really comes into its own when we are clearing maize, as it allows us to chop the right amount for the wagons which

are hauling it away. When we are chopping for multiple customers in one field, it also makes it a lot more accurate for us to gauge how much we have harvested. It is early days with the system but so far we are pleased with it and our customers say it is accurate"

Q: Why do you keep buying CLAAS JAGUARS?

"You just can't beat the ease of maintenance on a JAGUAR 900 series - the swing out feed rollers make getting at the chopping cylinder so simple," says Guy.

"They are also easy to operate, reliable, parts are readily available and the backup from RICKERBY is brilliant. While they are not our closest CLAAS dealer, they offer great service for the grass kit and are always just a phone call away.

"I believe the JAGUAR 950 is the ultimate grass machine - it's the right size and the right price, offering a good balance of value for money and performance."

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BUSINESS FACTS

Brian Darnbrook, near Ilkely, West Yorkshire

SERVICES

- Silaging
- Round and Square Baling
- Muck Spreading
- Slurry Tanking
- Ploughing
- Re-Seeding

STAFF

Full time staff: Guy Darnbrook, his father Brian, son Robert, nephew Aston and operators Jamie Garnett (forager driver) and Richard Wallace (buckrake driver)

Part time staff: Up to seven extra people during the busy months

JAGUAR HISTORY

1999	840
2005	850
2013	860
2018	950
2022	950